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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 71.5 degrees, 0.5 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, June 29. Precipitation averaged 0.24 inches, 0.72 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 17 points below normal.

Reporters rated 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, June 27. This is 0.1 days less than last year but 0.7 days more than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	5.9	1.5	39.8
2002	6.0	6.2	39.1
1998-2002 Average	5.2	5.2	51.7

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	4	78	18
Last Week	0	0	33	67
Same Week Last Year	5	28	64	3
1998-2002 Average	5	19	59	16

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 29

Soybean producers have 97 percent of their crop planted. This is six days behind 2002 and seven days behind the five-year average. Eighty-seven percent of soybean plants

have emerged. This is four days behind last year and 12 days behind the five-year average. Reporters estimated 85 percent of **Winter wheat** has turned color. This is two days behind last year and seven days behind the five-year average. Eight percent of the winter wheat is ripe. This is four days behind last year and eight behind days the 1998-2002 average. Eighty-two percent of the **Oat** crop is now headed. This is three days ahead of last year but four days behind the five-year average. Reporters estimated two percent of oats are now ripe. This is one day behind 2002 and seven days behind the 1998-2002 average. The first cutting of **Alfalfa** hay is 85 percent complete and the second cutting is six percent complete. The first cutting of **Other** hay is 75 percent complete and the second cutting is four percent complete.

Seventy percent of the **Cucumbers** have been planted. **Strawberry** growers have 90 percent of their crop harvested. This is the same as last year but two days behind the 1998-02 average.

Summer has finally come to the Buckeye State with temperatures last week reaching the lower 90's. The rains have subsided throughout much of the state and farmers are taking full advantage of the improved weather. Respondents indicated the first cutting of hay was just about completed this past week but also noted hay quality is down. Quality of the second cut is reported to be much better. Growers applied nitrogen to corn and sprayed corn and soybeans for weeds. Those farmers, who were not in the fields, worked on equipment and hauled grain to local elevators.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

The excessive rains have increased weed populations, resulting in stress to planted crops. Corn was rated 57 percent good to excellent condition. Reporters have indicated corn plants shot up due to this weeks warmer temperatures. Respondents estimated hay at 54 percent good to excellent condition. Insects are reported to be causing problems in alfalfa hay fields. Winter wheat was rated at 77 percent good to excellent condition.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 29

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 1 ST cutting	85	96	95	39	NA
Alfalfa hay 2 nd cutting	6	14	20	1	NA
Cucumbers planted	70	99	91	49	NA
Oats headed	82	74	88	64	41
Oats ripe	2	3	7	NA	NA
Other hay 1 ST cutting	75	85	88	32	NA
Other hay 2 nd cutting	4	6	9	NA	NA
Soybeans planted	97	100	99	87	94
Soybeans emerged	87	94	97	82	88
Strawberries harvested	90	90	93	64	NA
Winter wheat turning color	85	93	98	53	NA
Winter wheat ripe	8	16	40	NA	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 29

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	10	29	43	14
Previous Week	3	12	33	41	11
Previous Year	2	10	36	44	8
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	6	10	30	45	9
Previous Week	6	15	35	39	5
Previous Year	2	9	32	48	9
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	8	24	57	10
Previous Week	1	6	33	52	8
Previous Year	2	6	36	51	5
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	21	59	14
Previous Week	1	4	25	55	15
Previous Year	2	7	33	50	8
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	10	33	44	9
Previous Week	3	10	36	43	8
Previous Year	3	8	36	45	8
STRAWBERRIES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	16	61	15
Previous Week	2	4	19	57	18
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	19	54	23
Previous Week	1	3	21	52	23
Previous Year	2	7	29	50	12

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 29

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	72.4	1.0	0.45	-0.51	12.27	1.66	130	-16	994	-99
North Central	72.4	1.7	0.37	-0.66	12.47	1.54	133	-10	979	-79
Northeast	70.4	1.6	0.12	-0.82	12.48	1.48	123	-9	913	-86
West Central	72.1	0.4	0.43	-0.63	12.95	1.24	133	-16	1084	-68
Central	71.8	0.2	0.24	-0.75	13.68	1.99	128	-20	1109	-65
Central Hills	71.4	1.5	0.16	-0.81	12.68	1.09	128	-11	1011	-60
Northeast Hills	70.4	0.6	0.10	-0.83	12.63	1.28	122	-16	1003	-87
Southwest	71.7	-0.7	0.32	-0.57	13.58	0.86	130	-23	1161	-69
South Central	71.4	-0.6	0.08	-0.82	16.57	5.21	127	-24	1212	-56
Southeast	70.6	-0.2	0.12	-0.86	14.28	2.82	122	-21	1117	-61
STATE	71.5	0.5	0.24	-0.72	13.43	1.98	128	-17	1066	-73

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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